

PATENT**REMARKS**

Entry of these remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 were pending.

Claims 22-24 have previously been canceled.

Claims 1-21 are rejected.

Claim 8 was objected to.

***I. Comments regarding the Examiner's reopening of Prosecution After
Appeal per MPEP 1207.04***

The Examiner apparently reopened prosecution of this application after the Appeal Faxed 7/25/2005. However, form paragraph 12.187 of section 1207.04 of the MPEP was not included in the office action. It is not clear to the applicant whether Examiner Sheikh approved the reopening of prosecution. Applicant will treat this office action as if form paragraph 12.187 had been included.

II. Comments regarding Box 10 of the Office Action Summary

Applicant points out that the instant office action had box 10 marked and with a date of 24 November 2003 --- but with no markings on box 10a or 10b. Applicant points out that the office action dated 12/31/2003 accepted the drawings of 24 November 2003; further that the missing drawings filed 29 March 2004 were accepted by the office action dated 6/17/2004.

III. Request To Maintain Appeal

In response to an Appeal Brief filed by Applicant on 7/25/05, the Office Action reopens prosecution. Applicant respectfully requests that the Applicant's Appeal be maintained under 37 C.F.R. 41.39(b)(2), and submits in response the Reply Brief set forth in the Appendix submitted herewith. Should this request be denied for any reason, Applicant responds to the Office Action and requests reconsideration of the rejections set

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forth in the Office action dated 10/18/2005 under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.111(b) as set forth in sections IV, V, and VI below.

IV. Claim Objections

Claim 8 was objected to because of the informality due to the misspelling of the word "computer". If the Request to Maintain Appeal is denied, Applicant hereby authorizes an Examiner's amendment to claim 8 to correct the spelling error of the word "computer". Applicant asserts that this amendment, if made, is not directed to the patentability of the claim and will not affect the doctrine of equivalents as applied to this claim.

V. Claim Rejections under 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 stand rejected as being anticipated by Sibert (6,832,316 B1).

Applicant submits arguments set forth in section VIII.A of the Reply Brief set forth in the Appendix submitted herewith, which are incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, application respectfully submits that 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 are not anticipated by Sibert.

VI. Claim Rejections under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 3, 10 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being non-obvious over Sibert (6,832,316 B1) in view of Iwamur (6,272,535 B1).

Applicant submits arguments set forth in section VIII.B of the Reply Brief set forth in the Appendix submitted herewith, which are incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 3, 10, and 17 are patentable over Sibert in view of Iwamur.

Claims 6, 13 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being non-obvious over Sibert (6,832,316 B1) in view of Billstrom (5,729,537).

Applicant submits arguments set forth in section VIII.B and VIILC of the Reply Brief set forth in the Appendix submitted herewith, which are incorporated herein by

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reference. Accordingly, application respectfully submits that claims 6, 13 and 20 are patentable over Sibert in view of Billstrom.

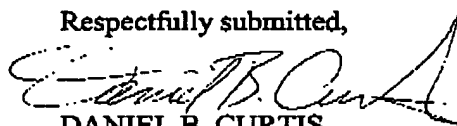
Claims 7, 14 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being non-obvious over Sibert (6,832,316 B1) in view of Jakobsson (6,049,613 B1).

Applicant submits arguments set forth in section VIII.B and VIII.D of the Reply Brief set forth in the Appendix submitted herewith, which are incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, application respectfully submits that claims 7, 14 and 21 are patentable over Sibert in view of Jakobsson.

Because this Office Action Reply is being Faxed to the PTO on 1/18/2005 prior to midnight at the PTO, no additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment and attached Reply Brief. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

Should any additional issues remain, or if I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 812-4259.

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